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THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship ASSYRIA, 1,494 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander E. H. Howell, R.N.R., will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 3rd May 1873, at 4 P.M.

May 1873.		May 1873.	
Leave BOMBAY	3	Leave Alleppy	9
,, Ratnagherry	4	,, Tuticorin	11
,, Vingorla	4	,, Colombo	12
,, Goa	5	,, Galle	13
,, Carwar	5	,, Negapatam	16
,, Mangalore	6	,, Madras	19
,, Cannanore	7	,, Coconada	20
,, Tellicherry	7	,, Vizagapatam	21
,, Badagherry	7	,, Bimlipatam	21
,, Calicut	8	,, Gopaulpore	22
,, Beypore	8	,, False Point	23
,, Cochin	9	Arrive CALCUTTA	25

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked by the Steamers on this line hence or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle by the Messageries Maritime Company's Steamers, which run regularly.

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherry district, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut or Beypore and proceed from thence by rail. Passengers for Calcutta may take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

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Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Busreh, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.

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The s s. PUNJAUB, 1,079 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander A. A. Hansard, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 9th May 1873, at 2 P.M.

May 1873.		May 1873	
Leave BOMBAY	9	Leave BUSREH	25
,, Kurrachee	13	,, Fao	28
,, Guadur	14	,, Bushire	30
,, Muscat	18	,, Mahomerah	30
,, Bunder Abbas	18	,, Linga	June 2
,, Linga	20	,, Bunder Abbas	3
,, Bushire	22	,, Muscat	5
,, Kuweit	24	,, Guadur	7
,, Fao	24	,, Kurrachee	13
Arrive BUSREH	25	Arrive BOMBAY	13

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every FRIDAY.

The Steam-ship KURRACHEE, 510 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander R. Hannaman, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 16th May 1873, at 2 o'clock.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

LIVERPOOL via SUEZ CANAL.

To leave 16th May positively.

THE new full powered Clipper Steam-ship KILLARNEY, Captain H. O'Neill, 1,060 Tons Net Register, has very superior accommodation for first and Second Class Passengers, and expects to make the passage Home in 27 days.

Rate of Passage Money, exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board—

To LIVERPOOL, First Class	Rs. 500
Ditto Second Class	,, 300
To SUEZ. First Class	,, 300

For Passage and further particulars apply to

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LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL.

To leave about 16th May.

THE s. s. XANTHO, 1,800 tons, 250 H. P., nominal, William Cowie, Commander, will leave as above. She has excellent accommodation for First and Second Passengers, with Saloon on Upper Deck, and carries a Surgeon and Stewardess. Rates of Passage Money, exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board.

FIRST CLASS	Rs. 500
SECOND CLASS	,, 300

For passage and further particulars apply to

GRINDLAY, GROOM & Co.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY.

(VIA SUEZ CANAL.)

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. Rubattino & Co., GENOA.

The regular Steamers leave

GENOA and BOMBAY on the 9th, and on the 1st of each month.

PASSENGER RATES.

Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
Aden	22	12	6
Suez	36	12	8
Port Said	36	24	9
Alexandria	39	24	10
Messina	50	34	14
Naples	50	34	14
Leghorn	50	34	14
Genoa	50	34	14
Marseilles(transhipment at Genoa)	52	35	14-10

Children under 3 years, free of charge.
Children not above 10 years, half fare.

Next Steamers from Bombay :

ARABIA, on THURSDAY, 1st May 1873.

PERSIA, on SUNDAY, 1st June 1873.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For Hand-books of Information, Rates of Freight, &c., apply to

VOLKART BROTHERS,
Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 8th November 1871.

P. and O. S. N. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

ALTERATION OF SAILING DATES.

VIA THE CANAL.

The following or other FIRST CLASS SHIPS will SAIL on the undermentioned dates for SOUTHAMPTON, via the CANAL :—

INDUS ..... 3,478 Tons .....500 H.P., on 12th May.

FARE.

First Class	Rs. 660
Second Class	,, 360

GEORGE F. HENRY,
Superintendent.

Bombay, 3 Rampart Row, 8th April 1873.

HOMEWARD PASSAGE AGENCY.

KING, KING & Co.,
6, CHURCH LANE, BOMBAY,
EAST INDIA ARMY AND CIVIL SERVICE AGENTS,

ENGAGE PASSAGES by the P. & O. Co.'s and Canal Steamers, without charge for Commission. Receive, Ship, and Insure BAGGAGE.

Grant DRAFTS on their London Houses at current Bank rates.

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Calcutta.
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SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Monday, the 5th May, 1873, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. CEYLON, (2,012 tons, and 450 H.P.), Captain Robert Menzies, will LEAVE for SUEZ, as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Venice, Marseilles, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Messina, Naples, Leghorn, Genoa, Trieste, Odessa, Constantinople, Cancona, Havre, Liverpool, London and New York.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal, in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon, at 2 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

CONTINENTAL RAILWAY TICKETS.—For the CONVENIENCE of PASSENGERS by the PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL COMPANY, RAILWAY TICKETS to PARIS and LONDON can now be obtained at the Company's Agencies at Suez, Brindisi and Venice.

GEO. F. HENRY,
Superintendent.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Monday, the 5th May, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. MASSILIA, (1,640 tons and 400 H.P.,) Captain C. Anderson, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before noon, on Friday, the 2nd May.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

STEAM TO KING GEORGE'S SOUND, MELBOURNE, AND SYDNEY.

On SATURDAY, the 3rd May, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE Peninsular and Oriental Company's S.S. BANGALORE, 2,053 Tons and 500 H.P.,) Captain G. C. Burne, will be despatched as above, calling at Galle.

For Freight or Passage apply to

GEORGE F. HENRY,
Superintendent.

3, Rampart Row, 30th April 1873.

FOR LIVERPOOL, via SUEZ CANAL.

(To be despatched hence about 10th May.)

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FIRST CLASS TO LIVERPOOL	....£50
SECOND ,, ,,	....£30
FIRST ,, SUEZ	....£20

Exclusive of Wines, &c., which however can be procured on board.

For further particulars apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 4th April 1873.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES of CARGO per s. s. BELLONA, Commander Shaw, from Calcutta, are hereby informed of her ARRIVAL, and requested to SEND BILLS of LADING accompanied by DELIVERY ORDERS for our counter-signature, to PAY FREIGHT, and to TAKE DELIVERY at once of their respective GOODS. No Claim for deficiency of, or damage to, Cargo can be entertained after departure of the Vessel.

FINLAY, MUIR, & Co.,
Agents for Captain Shaw.

Bombay, 1st May 1873.

NOTICE to CONSIGNEES per s.s. POTOMAC.—The s.s. POTOMAC, having arrived from Liverpool under general average, occasioned by a collision necessitating the putting back to Liverpool, and the discharge of Cargo, Consignees are requested to sign the Average Bond and to pay a Deposit of 10 per cent. according to Shipowners' instructions on the value of their goods on account of general average expenses, to Mr. T. Liddetter, Average Adjuster, Apollo Street, after which the Undersigned will grant DELIVERY ORDERS on the presentation of BILLS OF LADING, accompanied by the Deposit Receipt.

MERWANJEE NUSSERWANJEE,
Agent for Captain and the Owners of the s.s. Potomac.

Bombay, 28th April 1873.

SALES BY AUCTION.

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE AND COMPANY, No. 12, APOLLO STREET.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY SATURDAY, the 3rd instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. DINSHAW HORMUSJEE and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms in Apollo Street, No. 12,

A quantity of Grey and Coloured Piece Goods, such as Grey Shirtings, T. Cloth, Madap llams, Jaconets, Scarfs, Dhoties, Chintz, &c.

Also, blackwood carved furniture, such as circular, and dining tables, drawing-room and easy chair, rocking and arm chairs, sofas, washing, dressing and writing tables, single and double screws, chiffoniers, camp cot, bed-room and reclining couches, child's cradle, China and green painted bathing tubs, book-shelf, fire-proof safe, table and hanging argand lamps, plated, ice pitchers, pictures, papers, &c.

One second-hand four-wheeled Carriage (Van).

On account and risk of the concerned—

12 Cases of crown glasses.
2 Casks of tallow.

AN AUCTION SALE of Handsome Household Furniture, Carriage, Horses, Glass, Crockery, and Sundries, &c., at a Nest of Lines, Mazagon, in the compound of Messrs. Glover and Co., Contractors.

On WEDNESDAY, the 7th May, instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. DINSHAW HORMUSJEE and Co. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction at the abovementioned place, the property of T. J. Dewar, Esq., going up-country, to wit,—compleat glass, porcelain, and plated ware, handsomely carved furniture, comprising a set of mahogany dining tables for 12 persons, sideboard, screens, reclining couches, conversation couches, carved, ottoman, pier and side tables, drawing-room and easy chairs, circular tables, carved, book and music stands, dining-room chairs, wardrobes, pressy, camp cots, dressing and wash-hand tables, plated 4 light and single hanging and table argand lamps, cutlery, carpets, and sundry miscellaneous articles, &c., &c.

At 3 P.M.

One handsome Cab, a pair of fast-trotting carriage horses, (one grey and the other chesnut), goes in single and double harness.

No Catalogues, and the property is now on view.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable Household Furniture, a set of rich Cut Flowered Glassware, Tea, Dinner and Dessert Sets, Plated Articles, a Mahogany Sympathetic Square Piano, by Soundy and Co., &c., at the Bungalow, No. 100, at Mount Pleasant Road, Malabar Hill.

On TUESDAY, the 29th May, at 1 P.M., Messrs. DINSHAW HORMUSJEE and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the above named place, the valuable and handsome household furniture, a set of rich cut flowered glassware, tea, dinner, and dessert sets, best plated articles, cutlery, drawing, dining, and bedroom furniture, a mahogany sympatetic square piano, by Soundy and Co., &c., the property of T. F. Punnett, Esq., intending to proceed to Europe shortly. The full particulars of Sale will appear hereafter.

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & Co.

Bombay, 3rd May 1873.

BENNETT AND COMPANY, No. 4, FORBES STREET.

WEEKLY SALE.

THIS DAY SATURDAY, the 3rd instant, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a large quantity of grey and coloured piece goods, &c.

6 Bales Grey Shirtings.
5 Cases Coloured Prints.

The Property of a Gentleman proceeding to Europe.

A few articles of furniture, such as tables, chairs, couches camp cots dressing and washing tables, sideboard, clothes press, cane-bottomed chest of drawers, cupboards, teapoys, child's iron cradle, treasury chest, carpets, choice plants, children's scrap pictures, map, slates with keys, gauze, &c.

At 2 P.M.

A roomy Brougham by Thorn, in good condition, the property of T. Wilson, Esq.

AUCTION SALE of valuable and handsome Household Furniture, Best Plated, rich Crockery and Glassware, Piano, Carriage Horses, &c., at Upper Colaba.

The date will be fixed hereafter. Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the abovementioned place, the valuable and handsome Household Furniture, &c., the property of Captain Warner.

Full particulars will be given hereafter.

AUCTION SALE of valuable and handsome Household Furniture, Plated Glass and Porcelainware, &c., at No. 88, Malabar Hill.

On FRIDAY, the 9th instant, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to submit to Public Auction, at his residence, at the abovementioned place, the valuable and handsome household furniture, &c., the property of J. G. Pickering, Esq.

Full particulars will be given hereafter.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable and handsome English Walnutwood and richly carved blackwood Household Furniture, Plated, Glass, and Porcelainware, a handsome English-built Mail Phaeton, a serviceable Grey Arab Horse, a splendid collection of Ferns, Orchids, and a great variety of choice and rare plants, &c., at the Rock, Mount Road, Mazagon.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 3rd instant Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to submit to Public Auction, at his residence, at the above-mentioned place, the valuable and handsome Household Furniture, &c., the property of F. D. Parker, Esq., the same comprises, rich cut glassware, dinner and breakfast services, handsome China dessert set, best plated ware, such as hotwater and vegetable dishes, cruet, pickle and egg frames, tea set, toast racks, wai ers, a mahogany case containing a set of best electro-plated spoons and forks, table and chamber candlesticks, cutlery, &c., handsomely carved blackwood furniture, such as a round dining table for eight persons, sideboard, dining-room chairs, screens, handsome English walnutwood drawing-room suite, consisting of drawing-room table, easy and drawing-room chairs, half-backed sofa, all covered with rich green damask, richly carved pier tables, centre ottoman, whatnots, hat stands, handsome China vases, figures, Japanese bronze figures, English iron bedstead, and camp cot, cleopatra couches, dressing and washing tables, clothes press, cupboards, iron treasury chest, dinner articles, cooking utensils, iron stoves, a splendid collection of choice plants in China and earthen pots, &c., &c.

At 2 P.M.

A handsome English light Mail Phaeton with a powerful Grey Horse and Harness.

Catalogues are published, and the property will be on view, this afternoon.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable and Handsome Household Furniture, Plated, Glass and Porcelainware, a first-class Piano, &c., at Cumballa Hill.

On TUESDAY, the 13th instant, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to submit to Public Auction, at the abovementioned place, the valuable and handsome Household Furniture, &c., the property of H. E. Astley, Esq.

Full particulars will be given hereafter.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable and Handsome Household Furniture, Plated, Glass and Porcelainware, Carriages, Horses, &c., at Breach Candy.

On THURSDAY, the 8th instant Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at his residence at the abovementioned place, the Valuable and Handsome Household Furniture, &c., the property of HENRY FORMAN, Esq.

Full particulars will be given hereafter.

FOR SALE.

A light comfortable and handsome Buggy in excellent order. Rs. 0 0.

A Light Park Phaeton, latest pattern and in capital order. Rs 600.

An excellent Mich Bufflaloe, Mrs. Bouncer, has been carefully fed and gives 10 seers of delicious milk every day. May be had a bargain.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 3rd May 1873.

SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY, 3, MARINE STREET, BOMBAY.

USUAL AUCTION SALE.

On MONDAY next, the 5th instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms—

10 Bales Grey Shirtings.
10 Cases Grey Dhoties.
7 Cases Prints.
115 Pair Grey Blankets.
A large Shamianah tent, 30 by 30, nearly new, and complete in every respects.
A second-hand Harmonium, Hand Organ, and Musical Box.
A handsome large Pier Glass Frame.

SALE OF SUPERIOR FIRST CLASS MOULMEIN TEAK SQUARES.

On SATURDAY, the 10th May, at 2 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will submit to Public Auction, at the Freez Bunder, about 300 superior first-class Moulmein teak squares.

In small convenient lots to suit the requirements of purchasers.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 3rd May 1873.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STEAMER TO ADEN AND ZANZIBAR.

THE B. I. S. N. COMPANY (Limited) will despatch the Steam-ship CASHMERE, 1,062 Tons, 200 H. P., Commander T. Sanders, on TUESDAY, the 13th May, at 4 P.M., for Aden and Zanzibar.

For Freight and Passage apply to the Undersigned.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

GRANT ROAD THEATRE.

THE PARSEE ELPHINSTONE DRAMATIC CLUB.

TO-NIGHT, SATURDAY, 3RD MAY, 1873.

GRAND OPENING NIGHT OF A NEW AND BRILLIANT COMEDY, WRITTEN BY Mr. NASARWANJI NOWROJI PARAK, ENTITLED,

FEROZE AND PERICHER,

ABOUNDING IN NEW AND DAZZLING SCENIC EFFECTS.

THE ENTERTAINMENT WILL CONCLUDE WITH THE CHARMING OPERA OF

INDUR SABHA.

N.B.—The Public are requested to be in their Seats by 8-30 P.M., as if they miss the Opening Scene they will not only understand the Play but lose the best portion of it.

A GOOD BAND WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

Tickets to be had at the GRANT ROAD THEATRE.

NOTICE.—It is hereby notified that the Undersigned did, on the 1st instant, PAY to HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY in Bombay the SUM of RUPEES 16,000, being the FORTY-SIXTH MONTHLY INSTALMENT of the 2½ PER CENT. LOAN, with interest, the SUM of RUPEES 14,670, being the FORTY-SIXTH MONTHLY INSTALMENT of the VEHAR WATER WORKS DEBT, and also RUPEES 9,540, being the FOURTEENTH INSTALMENT on account of the NEW LOAN of Rupees 15 Lacs, aggregating Rupees 40,440.

W. G. PEDDER,
Acting Municipal Commissioner.

Municipal Commissioner's Office, Bombay, 2nd May 1873.

TREACHER and COMPANY (Limited).—NOTICE is hereby given, that the NINTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be HELD in the Fort Premises, on THURSDAY, the 8th May 1873, at 4 P.M.

1. To receive the Accounts made up to 31st March 1873, and the Directors' Report.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To elect Auditors.

By Order,
GEO. PUGH, Manager in India.

Bombay, 29th April 1873.

NOTICE is hereby given, that GUNNESH RAMJEE, of Bombay, Hindoo inhabitant, has contracted to sell all that piece of land and garden known by the name of Mullick Garden, with the messuages or dwelling-houses standing thereon, and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situat-at Girgaum, opposite to the cart there belonging to the Hon. Mr. Mangaldass Nathoobhoy, outside the Fort, in the Island of Bombay, and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under Nos. 81 and 82, and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Nos. 686 and 726, containing by admeasurement 5,733 square yards or thereabouts, and bounded on the north by the public road call-d the Girgaum Back Road, on the south by the garden belonging to the Portuguese Church, on the east by the public road, and on the west by the garden of Kessowjee Toolseydass and Moorarjee Toolseydass. All persons having claim on the said property, by way of mortgage, gift, inheritance or otherwise, are hereby required to make the same known, in writing, to the Undersigned, at their Office, No. 23, Apollo Street, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claim.—Dated the day of May 1873.

RIMINGTON, HORE, AND LANGLEY,
Solicitors for the Vendor.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.—Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.

In the matter of the Indian Companies' Act 1857, and in the matter of the COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL and STOCK EXCHANGE CORPORATION, Limited.

UPON reading the Petition of DYAL JAIRAZ, in the above matter, dated the 29th day of April 1873, and the Affidavit of the said Dyal Jairaz, solemnly affirmed herein on the said 29th day of April 1873, and upon hearing Mr. ARTHUR PEILE, Solicitor for the said Petitioner, let all persons conveyed attend before the sitting Judge in Chambers, in the Court House, on THURSDAY, the 12th day of June 1873, to show cause why the sum of Rs. 18,981-10, being the third Dividend on 4,432 shares in the said Commercial Financial and Stock Exchange Corporation, Limited, now in the hands of the Accountant General of this Honourable Court, should not be paid to the said Petitioner; and I do further direct that this Order be advertised once in two English Daily Newspapers and in two Native Newspapers published in Bombay.—Dated this 30th day of April 1873.

L. H. BAYLEY.

HEARN, CLEVELAND, & PEILE,
Petitioner's Attorneys.

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SMALL STEAMERS AND STEAM LAUNCHES,

BUILT OF WOOD, IRON, OR STEEL.

23 feet long ...seats for 8 persons...complete from £192 to £270.
30 feet long...seats for 14 persons...complete from £303 to £350.
37 feet long...seats for 20 persons...complete from £324 to £430.
43 feet long...seats for 30 persons . complete from £476 to £610.
50 feet long...seats for 60 persons...complete from £980 to £1,040.
&c. &c.

Steamers up to 45 feet in length can be transported on a ship's deck entire, and ready for immediate use on arrival, or shipped in 3 or more sections.

The above may be used for conveying passengers, carrying cargo, or as tugs.

The total working expences of a Steamer 43 feet long, amount to 15 shillings a day in England ; the consumption of fuel being about 6 cwt., and a man and a boy the crew required.

Paddle and Screw Steamers constructed specially for river navigation, having a very shallow draught of water.

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Pickled Salmon.
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Fresh and Findon Haddocks.
Pure Salad Oil.
Soups in Pint and Quart Tins.
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Peas, Carrots, Beans, and other Vegetables.
Preserved Hams and Cheese.
Preserved Bacon.
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Bologna Sausages.
Yorkshire Game Pâtes.
Yorkshire Pork Pâtes.
Tongues, Game, Poultry.
Plum Puddings.
Les and Perrins' Worcestershire Sauce.

FRESH SUPPLIES OF THE ABOVE AND NUMEROUS OTHER TABLE DELICACIES MAY ALWAYS BE HAD FROM TREACHER & CO., BOMBAY AND POONAH, AND BULL & CO., BOMBAY ; AND EVERY STOREKEEPER.

CAUTION.

To prevent the fraud of refilling the Bottles or Jars with native productions, they should invariably be destroyed when empty.

Goods should always be examined upon delivery, to detect any attempt at substitution of articles of inferior brands.

EVERY CORK IS BRANDED WITH CROSSE AND BLACKWELL'S NAME.

CROSSE AND BLACKWELL,
PURVEYORS TO THE QUEEN,
SOHO SQUARE, LONDON.

At the Paris Exhibition of 1867, THREE PRIZE MEDALS were awarded to CROSSE and BLACKWELL for the marked superiority of their productions.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.—Mr. G. HAMILTON TRAILL will act as AGENT of the CORPORATION at BOMBAY until further notice.

J. F. MOIR, Agent.

Bombay, 1st May 1873.

THE DELHI AND LONDON BANK (Limited) grants LOANS and CASH CREDITS on approved PERSONAL and other SECURITIES on the usual Terms.

Loans on Personal Securities, repayable by Monthly Instalments, must be covered by a Life Policy.

For further particulars apply to the MANAGER at DELHI.

A GENTLEMAN at Byculla, having a large HOUSE with more accommodation than he requires, would be glad to meet with TWO or THREE OTHERS, or a MARRIED COUPLE, to JOIN HIM.

Arrangements can be made personally. Apply to "M.P.," care of *Bombay Gazette*.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

VISITORS TO MATHERAN.

On SATURDAY next, the 26th instant, and on every subsequent SATURDAY, until further notice, the LOCAL TRAIN, which leaves Bombay at 6-5 P.M., will be worked through to NAREL for the convenience of VISITORS to MATHERAN.

A SPECIAL TRAIN will also leave NAREL at 6-30 A.M. on MONDAY MORNING, the 28th idem, and on every subsequent MONDAY, until further notice, arriving in Bombay at 10-17 A.M.

Ordinary and Return and Coupon Tickets will be issued by these Trains.

HENRY CONDER,
General Traffic Manager.

Bombay, 24th April 1873.

NOTICE.—THE SEVERAL PARTNERSHIPS and SUB-PARTNERSHIPS heretofore subsisting between the Undersigned, HORMUSJEE NOWROJEE SACKLUTWALLA and NUSSERWANJEE KUTTONJEE TATA, of Bombay, Parsee Merchants, under several Names and Styles, as Merchants and Commission Agents and General Contractors, ceased and determined by mutual consent on the 28th February 1873.

The Undersigned, HORMUSJEE NOWROJEE SACKLUTWALLA, also notifies that his interest and responsibility in the firm of MUNCHERJEE SOONDERJEE & Co., as Commissariat Contractors, ceased on the 31st March 1872; and further, the business carried on by him as a Merchant and Commission Agent, under the Style of H. NOWROJEE & Co., ceased on the 1st November last.

The Undersigned also notifies to the public that he has now no share or interest whatsoever in any Firm or Business in partnership with any person or persons whomsoever.

H. NOWROJEE.

Victoria Buildings, Bombay, 1st May 1873.

WANTED.

WANTED OVERSEERS for the LOCAL FUNDS DEPARTMENT of this District. Applications to be submitted to the Local Fund Engineer, Tanna, before the 15th proximo.

J. W. ROBERTSON,
Collector and President Local Fund Committee.

Tanna Collector's Office, Mulluni, 26th April 1873.

BOARD and LODGING, with an EUROPEAN FAMILY at Byculla.

ONE or TWO GENTLEMEN can be accommodated with the above at moderate terms. The Bungalow is well situated, with large Compound and Stabling, at a distance of about two minutes walk from the Railway Station. Address "X. Y. Z.," care of this Paper.

AN ASSISTANT (EUROPEAN) in a Mercantile House in Calcutta, where the Establishment is being reduced, desires an engagement in a like capacity, in a Bank or other responsible position. Has had many years experience both of Banking (on the Scotch system) and of Manchester Manufactures, and has a thorough knowledge of Bookkeeping. Can be recommended by present employers.

NOTICES.

AGRA BANK (Limited).—NOTICE.—Mr. W. S. D. BLACKHALL will act as MANAGER of this BRANCH from 1st proximo, during my absence on leave, or until further notice.

By Order of the Directors,
FRED. T. ATKINS,
Officiating Manager.

Bombay, 30th April 1873.

BOMBAY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY (Limited).—The above Company is prepared to EFFECT INSURANCES on the most favourable terms current in Bombay, and in addition returns insurers 8 per cent. of the Premiums on Yearly Policies, and 2½ per cent. of the Premiums on Policies for Shorter Periods.

FORBES & Co.,
Secretaries and Managers.

ORIENTAL SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY.—NOTICE is hereby given, that a DIVIDEND of Rs. 150 per SHARE will be PAID to the SHAREHOLDERS at the Company's Office, No. 26, Meadow Street, Fort, on and after MONDAY, the 5th May 1873.

Shareholders are requested to produce the Share Certificates when applying for Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 28TH INSTANT, to the 12TH MAY 1872, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
HOMEJEE DINSHAW JEELA,
Secretary.

Bombay, 26th April 1873.

B. B. AND C. I. RAILWAY.

ALTERATION OF TRAINS.

On and after May 4th, the DOWN MAIL will leave Church Gate Street at 7 A.M., Surat 3-30, Broach 5-12, Baroda 9-0, and arrive at Ahmedabad at 10-0 P.M. The UP MAIL will leave Ahmedabad at 6-45 A.M., Baroda 9-36, Broach 11-20, Surat 1 25 Noon, and arrive at Church Gate Street at 9-10 P.M. The DOWN MIXED will leave Church Gate Street at 7-30 A.M., arrive at Surat 8-15 P.M. ; leave Surat 8-0 A.M., arrive at Ahmedabad 5-50 P.M. ; leave Ahmedabad 7-0 A.M., arrive at Wudwan 2-0 P.M. The UP MIXED will leave Wudwan at 10-30 A.M., arrive at Ahmedabad 5-30 P.M. ; leave Ahmedabad 7-30 A.M., arrive at Surat 5-15 P.M. ; leave Surat 7 A.M., arrive at Church Gate Street 7-20 P.M. The DOWN LOCAL, Bombay to Veraur, will leave Church Gate Street at 7-0 P.M., and arrive at Veraur at 9-20. The Kasara Khanee Station will be closed. For further particulars, see the Company's Time Tables, which are exhibited at all Stations.

J. R. DUXBURY,
Traffic Manager.

Bombay, 29th April 1873.

NOTICE.—Re HENRY IVESON, Deceased.—Pursuant to Act XXVIII. of 1866 of the Legislative Council of India, entitled, "The Trustees' and Mortgagees' Powers Act 1866," NOTICE is hereby given, that ALL PERSONS having Claims upon, or against, the ESTATE of HENRY IVESON, late of Blackbank, in the County of York, and of Stanhope Lodge, Hyde Park, in the County of Middlesex, in England, deceased, who died in England aforesaid, on the 5th day of January 1843, and Letters of Administration of whose personal Estate and Effects with a copy of the Probate of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, issued out of the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury, in England, annexed), were on the 29th day of April 1873, granted by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay to HENRY RANDALL CORMACK, of Bombay, British Merchant, and one of the constituted Attorneys of Lancelot Iveson, the Executor named in the last Will and Testament and Codicil of JANET, otherwise JESSIE, IVESON, deceased, the Executrix named in the last Will and Testament of the said Henry

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

FRIDAY, 2ND MAY 1873.

In Sterling Exchange during to-day lower rates ruled for some time, but at the close the tendency was against sellers, the Banks holding for higher rates, unless for first-class Bank Credit.

Government Securities are still firmly held at our prices.

Bank Bills, 6 months' sight.....1s. 11¼d. to 5/16d.
Credit Bills, do. .....1s. 11 7/16d.
Documents, do. .....1s. 11¼d. to 1s. 11 9/16d.
Bank Bills, 3 months' sight .....1s. 11 1/16d.
Credit, do. .....1s. 11 5/16d. to 1s. 11 7/32d.
Documents, do. .....1s. 11 9/32d. to 1s. 11 5/16d.
Bank Bills, demand .....1s. 10¾d. to 12/16d.

On Calcutta Bank Bills, 60 days' sight. 99½
Do. demand..... per. to 100 1/16

On Madras, 30 days' sight ..... 99½ nominal.
Do. demand..... 100

On China House Bills, 60 days' sight. 226

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent. 110½
Four & half per cent. 104½
Four per cent. ... ...102½ to 103
Four & half per cent. (Public Works Loan) ...106
Five per cent. Debenture Loan, 1886-87 ....102½
16 years' Debenture Loans 100½
10 years' do. do. 105
5 years do. do. 103
Six per cent. Municipal Loan House Rate ...112
Do. Do. Market Rate 112
New French Loan 6 per cent, fully paid up of 1871 and 1872.....92 nominal.
New French Loan inclusive of paper of 1872.... ...94
Paris Municipal Loan (Debenture Rs. 117) per Bond..... ...115.

Rates of discount at New Bank of Bombay—
Loans on Government Paper on demand ..... 4½ per cent.
Fixed Loans on do. to 3 months' ..... 5½ ,,
Do. do. over 3 do. 6½ ,,
Do. on Merchandise ..... 7½ ,,
Cash Credit do. to 3 months' ..... 6½ ,,
Do. do. over 3 do. ..... 6½ ,,
Do. do. ..... 7½ ,,
Bank Bills ..... 6½ ,,
Mercantile Paper ..... 8½ ,,

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each ... ...Rs. 10-9-6
Carolus 220
Mexican Dollars 222
Five-Franee Pieces 224½
Bar Silver... ... ... 104½ to 107½
Gold Leaf 16-12
Bar Gold 10 oz. English 100 touch 16-14
Australian Gold ... ... 100 touch 16-13

FREIGHT REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING.

NATIVE speculators appear to be under the impression that sailing vessels not being procurable shippers must send by steamers—at least one would think so—as in spite of the gloomy position of the home cotton market they have to-day fixed the steamer Xantho with 4,000 bales and broken stowage at £1-10-0 and the Muriel (to arrive) at £3-0-0 with stowage at £1-0 0. By sail we now quote £2-18-9 to £3 0-0. The American ship Peacemaker 1,062 tons, ready to receive cargo, was fixed at £2-16-3 and £2-17-6 per ton.

London ..{Cotton ... ...

THE "BOMBAY TATLER."

BOMBAY is very glad to welcome back its energetic Assistant Police Commissioner, Mr. Alfred Edgington, looking fresh, strong and invigorated. Nothing particular has occurred during Mr. Edgington's absence in England except the DeGa case, which still remains "a case," with the lid screwed so tightly down that no police turnscrew has been able to open it. Mr. Edgington used to be nearly as good as Darwin at original research. What a splendid opportunity this for obtaining the DeGa catchem medal.

PERSONALLY I have a good boy, but a gentleman who has not thus puts his sorrows into rhyme:—

Who tends me with such gentle care,
At dinner stands behind my chair,
And publishes what is said there?
My boy.

Who knows my inclinations bent,
And oft to me my money lent,
And robs me out of cent. per cent.?
My boy.

Who ruins my razors on his face,
And fills his hair with my bear's grease,
Then blames the rats about the place?
My boy.

Who drinks the first best cup of tea,
And robs my oil, and steals the ghee,
and makes my brandy weak pance?
My boy.

Who smokes my very best cheroot,
And never yet could tell the "troot,"
My tooth brush use—the nasty brute?
My boy.

I SEE that it is notified by the *Bombay Gazette* that Mr. Sackville Davis, B.C.L., M.A., Oxon. who came to Bombay a very short time ago preceded by such rumours of ability as made our barristers tremble for their briefs, has left us for Calcutta. I believe that Bombay is indebted for this event to Mr. Anstey. Mr. Davis' disposition was soft, eminently impressionable, and wonderfully good-natured; and I suppose that just as Mephistopheles hates holy water or the sign of the Cross, Mr. Anstey disliked these qualities and assumed an attitude towards the mild Mr. Davis which made that gentleman very uncomfortable. At the bar there are numerous stories told about what the Great Irascible said to his antitype and what the antitype said when he tried to be as scornful as the Great Irascible, and they all tend to show that it is no wonder Mr. Davis preferred the Calcutta to the Bombay High Court. Though Bombay had been as cold as Nova Zembla, yet Mr. Davis must ever have found Bombay with Mr. Anstey in it as hot as the inside of Hecla. We have it on good authority that "two stars move not in one sphere," and Mr. Davis has shown the wisdom of the fact by quitting the vicinity of the "*astrum magnum*" of the Bombay Bar.

I DO not suppose that it was *contra bonos mores* to report minutely the proceedings at the Blue Jackets' dinner the other night, because somehow whatever our rollicking naval defenders do is done so good-naturedly that it would be absurd to apply ordinary stiff rules of etiquette to their actions. The idea of wondering why Jack does not sit down before his cold round with a dress coat on, or of criticising, from a high artistic point of view, his singing of "Tom Bowling," would be equally absurd; and that Jack knows this as well as anybody is shown by the hearty way he enjoyed the account of the dinner the other night. It was peculiarly interesting to read about Mr. Rhymes' play-writing, and whatever "I'll avenge her" or "Bill Stanley" may be like from a literary point of view, Mr. Rhymes deserves credit for his patience, inasmuch as it can be no easy matter to write plays in a forecastle when one man is dancing a hornpipe within three feet of your elbow and another is singing the "Jolly Young Waterman" or "The Bay of Biscay" within as many inches of your ear. I hope that the "Glasgow" amateurs will be allowed by the Admiral or Captain Jones to give a public performance in Bombay. Admiral Cumming has a fame for obligingness, and doubtless Captain Jones is not the man to see the people of Bombay die from *ennui* if he can do anything to prevent such a catastrophe.

IT was so refreshing to hear the wealthy Bunnias come forward and promise to do all in their power to support and further the object of Sir Bartle Frere's mission, that I am not without hope that, the thin end of the wedge of honesty and common sense having been inserted among them, their minds may be opened out so as to comprehend some of their absurd caste prejudices. Prominent among these is the custom of preserving life among the halt, maimed, and blind of the brute creation. Most people have heard of, a few have seen, the Panjrapole, a large enclosure in the middle of the native town, where are gathered together a vast number of crippled horses, blind cows, mangy dogs, and other animals which, for the most part, would find relief from prolonged suffering by instant death. Emissaries of this institution are prowling about the city daily to try and pick up animals which charitable people of other sects would put out of pain by some speedy method. Horses with broken thighs, oxen blind and used up within an inch of their lives, loathsome curs of every kind, are brought in from the highways and hedges; and it may be said that no animal is there which hath not on a wedding garment,—a garment which the mild Hindoo calls protection, but which, like the robe of Nessus, weds them to a consuming torment. The only explanation their would-be protectors have to give for this wanton cruelty is—"It is our religion," and then if religion, "what can do?"

"DON'T go near the level railway crossing in Nesbit lane" is a piece of advice which we desire to offer both to the Blue-jackets and the Marines, and also to the buggy-wallas. The G. I. P. Railway so monopolizes this crossing that it is hard to say whether the public have any right to the road at all. The railway was allowed to cross this road as a matter of convenience until such time as a bridge could be built. Twenty-one years have expired, and a convenience is turned into a right, the public being turned off their own road, and the gates barred against them. On Monday evening last the gates at the crossing were closed at 7 P.M.,—how long before this, deponent sayeth not. They were certainly closed for 40 minutes, and the line was all that time occupied by a goods train between 50 and 5,000 yards long. To be accurate, it reached as far as the eye could see both north and south. Hundreds of wayfarers and dozens of conveyances came up on the east side, and the throng was great. The same, it is supposed, occurred on the west side. Various enquiries were made as to why the train did not move on, and everybody tried to give an answer. Three Mahrattas essayed a solution of the mystery:—

No. 1. The driver has gone to get his dinner.

No. 2. The engine has broken down, and they have gone away for another.

No. 3. Mr. Conder ordered the train to be allowed a rest of 60 minutes at this crossing.

One of the most inexplicable things is why railway people should always select the level crossings as a suitable place for shunting!

EUROPEANS in India are apt to become so prejudiced against the lower class of natives that they never see anything good or admirable in them. Yet the other day a friend of mine witnessed an incident worth recording. Two poor-looking natives, one a woman and the other a man, were proceeding along one of our principal thoroughfares in the Fort. The man was a thin-faced sickly fellow, who used a long stick to support him on a shrunken pair of limbs that rheumatism had twisted until he seemed to have no more power over them than to drag them along with his body. His left hand rested on the shoulder of his companion, a sturdy coolie woman who was walking at a snail's pace in order not to strain him. Carefully she took him in and out among the carriages, and was so anxious about his safety that she boxed the ears of a little half-naked scamp who jostled against him, and she used her arms to elbow off people who came in his way. The picture was a good one for the subject of charity in low life; for this coolie woman had been struck with pity for the man as he was crawling along by the side of the houses, and had volunteered him her assistance. He must have been a broken-down ghorawallah, as she took him to the door of a stable that was near by, and gently helped him over the puddles of dirty water that lay before the door. Leaning on his staff he salaamed her, his sunken eyes speaking a gratitude that his tongue seemed unable to tell; and then she balanced her curry dish upon her head and marched off, quickly joining another coolie woman, with whom she lost no time in resuming a high-keyed discussion about some pice. This incident would have been a good one for Sterne for his "Sentimental Journey," and shows that as much humanity may exist in the breasts of miserable Hindoos as in those of Europeans.

I HEAR that one of Bombay's mighty hunters, well known as a solicitor who can handle a gun as cleverly as he can a brief, has had great sport during the past fortnight about fifty or sixty miles from Bombay, on a spur of the Ghauts a dozen miles from Kurjut, and about a similar distance from Matheran as the crow flies. He was accompanied by two or three enthusiasts who are now in danger of being caressed out of existence by their friends merely because they happened to be in the company of the legal Nimrod when his "smoothbore" brought to grass one of the biggest bears ever seen in this Presidency, or probably in any other. When Bruin was started, he was as it were locked up in a valley. The solicitor, having had many shots at bears while his companions never had had one, went to the closed end of the valley, whither, he thought, Bruin would never betake himself, and took a perch upon a rock so that he might view the sport made by his comrades. But to his astonishment the bear made straight for the place where he was sitting, and as Bruin came panting up the almost perpendicular pathway, he took deliberate aim and sent a shell through the animal's skull. Bruin at once turned up his toes, and fell back, with many a crash through small jungle and many a bump against big boulders, to the bottom of the valley. There was great glorification over the event among the Ghatees as well as among the Sahibs. This bear had been shot at many a time and oft, and the natives, considering that it bore a charmed life, had warned the solicitor and his friends that it was no use to attempt its life; but now that they saw the "mighty bar" dead at their feet they howled and tomtommed with delight, although the affair cast such a gloom over the brute residents of the neighbourhood that they fled from the vicinity of the shikarees to Matheran and elsewhere—which possibly accounts for the fact of the *Bombay Gazette's* occasional correspondent having seen a cheetah near Porcupine Point and obtaining the rare fortune of rescuing a lady from imminent and deadly peril.

IT is not often that two live Governors have been seen in Mahableshwur at the same time. The discussion between Sir Bartle Frere and Sir Philip Wodehouse about the intermediate administration of Sir Seymour Fitzgerald would be worth recording. The impetuous Sir Bartle might be supposed to speak with contempt of the slowness of his successor something after this fashion:—

"Do you know, Sir Philip, that I elaborated "and prepared several complete schemes for "establishing the supremacy of Bombay as the "first city in India, and all that I was able to "see had been done was the upholstering of "Gunesh Khind and the planting of a stupid "dock at Hog Island. I never would have "agreed to purchase the Elphinstone property, "at least until such time as W. Nicol & Co. "completed the works."

And then Sir Philip would reply—"Well really, ahem! Sir Bartle, you see that I have been "saddled with a sackful of legacies from that "confounded unfathomable Port Trust to the "Agricultural Cess, and the obstinate Bench "of Justices, obstinate councillors, obstinate "secretaries, obstinate press. In short they "are a lot of obstinate fellows altogether, "and to get rid of them I have been "compelled to come up to the top of this "mountain from whence to take a bird's-eye "view of Bombay harbour, and contemplate all "the nonsense that fellow Kennedy has tried to "put into my head—the nonsense, you know, of "the Mody Bay docks and unfathomable bun-"ders. I tried to distinguish between the "Native Rajahs who rushed into Bombay to "meet the Viceroy—but, bless me, I don't know "Kolapore from Travancore. Are both these "fellows Pindarees or Rajpoots? It was part "of my business to know all about the political "relations of Bombay, but Kennedy and Tucker "are more than I can compass. How did you "manage them?

Sir Bartle. "Oh! I allowed them to exhaust "themselves. Kennedy can't stand looking at: "try him, and as for Tucker, you should have "kept him well furnished with Bills."

Sir Philip. "I perceive. It's all a matter "of tact after all."

Sir Bartle. "Just so. The chief function of "an Indian Governor is to ascertain the pecu-"liarities of the stomachs and brains of the "members of Government and the secretaries: "this accomplished, the work is mere routine.

Sir Philip. "Thanks, Sir Bartle—my grate-"ful thanks. I will try it on with the new men."

THERE are some wonderfully conceited people in this world—"Rommany Rye" is one, and the *Indian Statesman* is another; but while the egotism of the first is simply amusing that of the other occasionally becomes peculiarly nauseating. "Rommany" tells the readers of the *Times of India* that he (or whatever the personal pronoun "I" refers to) wishes he could feel sure that when his term of service here is concluded he shall be able tenderly to convey "all that is left" of him to some genial shelter. "As it is," says "Rommany," "I suppose my bones must go to England where the north wind will rattle them, and the east wind will rack them, and the west wind will drench them with rain, and the south wind will never blow long enough to repair the damage." Now although it is of some importance, and certainly deserves a place in any Notes about events of the Week that may be written in Bombay, that "Rommany Rye" should inform the public what he wishes to happen to "all that is left of him;" yet I consider that he thinks too much of his bones when he supposes that the winds and the rains are going to take all the trouble with them that he mentions. My own private belief is that the deities of the elements will take no special measures whatever about the bones in question, and that they will treat them just as if they had never been "Rommany's" bones at all. This may be very grievous news to "Rommany," who possibly considers that there are few skull, vertebral, or costal bones like his in the world; but "*fiat justitia*," &c., and let truth be told to people who are obviously very vain. "Rommany" presumes to give a word of advice to "Mr. Anundorum Boroosh, C. S.," although I suppose that "Rommany's" intention was to refer not to the "C. S." but to the Matheran correspondent of the *Bombay Gazette*. Now in a sort of way "Rommany" is quite correct about what he says with reference to the practice of attaching names which happen to be the same as those of men who are still living to writings which they never wrote; but as to "Rommany's" threat about signing himself "J. M. M.," "Rommany" should not suppose that there would be any harm done, because nobody could possibly make a mistake about "which was which;" "J. M. M." is one individual, and "Rommany Rye" is unmistakably another. I happen to have seen "Anundorum," the correspondent. I said to him, "How dare you close your letters with the signature of a Bengalee Civilian and a persona friend, possibly a relation, of the 'Rommany Rye?'" He replied, "Upon my word I didn't know what to do. I thought of 'John Smith' at first, but as there are a number of eminent men of that name alive, I thought it better to run the risk of offending one Anundorum Boroosh (whom I can assure you I never heard of as being known to fame until 'Rommany Rye' mentioned it) than a thousand or two good men and true friends of the British Empire." He further said that he believed "Rommany Rye" had growled at the name "Anundorum" merely to get an opportunity of calling public attention to the clever signature that he himself had chosen; and remembering my friend "Rommany's" high opinion about his bones, I think it is not improbable that he is equally conceited about his name. So much for "Rommany Rye." This week the *Times of India* has published two remarkably virulent letters against Mr. Robert Knight. Mr. Knight gave the lie direct to the statements contained in the first letter, the writer of which retorted that all he had said was true. Mr. Knight has evidently replied again to the writer, but the *Times of India*, for reasons best known to itself, has refused to publish his letter. There can be but one opinion about this, I think. Let the merits of the quarrel be what they may, the *Times of India's* conduct is unfair. First of all it allows an anonymous writer to make the most calumniatory statements that can be imagined against a public man; and when he turns round to give hit for hit, the *Times of India* deliberately refuses to give him the opportunity even of protecting himself. While saying this much about the conduct of the *Times of India*, I cannot praise Mr. Knight for his share in the cause which has apparently provoked the quarrel. The memory of a dead good man was being vindicated in the *Bombay Gazette* from unjust aspersions by certain people, and straightway—and upon a Sunday morning, too!—Mr. Knight seizes the opportunity of praising his own personal character by saying one word for Dr. Buist and many for himself. It is a melancholy passion for egotism that will not allow a man, even in the presence of remembrances of the dead, to keep back from saying to the public, "The man that this earth covers was a clever man—a good man—but so am I; possibly I am cleverer and better." No; Mr. Knight has shown wretched taste, and I do not think even his friends will deny it, since no one can admire the person who takes a mirror to the grave of a man whom he calls his friend merely for the purpose of smirking before it at that sacred place, and showing people how well he can act the part of a coxcomb possessed of very bad taste. I am accustomed to Mr Knight's omnipresent "I," but he should have omitted it when he pretended that he was vindicating the character of a much-respected man like the late Dr. Buist.

EUROPEAN COLONIZATION IN INDIA.

I was agreeably surprised to see from this morning's *Bombay Gazette* that the Editor advocates European colonization in India. I say "agreeably surprised," because for some time past I have been under the impression that this journal was almost as uncompromising an opponent of such a scheme as its esteemed contemporary the *Times of India*. Some three years ago I had a lengthened controversy with the latter on this subject, and should have continued it at still greater length in its columns, but that I deemed it undesirable, if not dangerous, to continue arguing with an Editor who, I found, was commencing to misquote me, who affected to misunderstand me, and who made an effort, at the expense of accuracy, to replace lack of argument by an attempt at ridicule.

The *Times of India*, although considering the "increase of a large body of educated Englishmen and English capitalists outside the Government a solid advantage," maintains "that India is not in want of labour coming from without." I am not quite so conceited as to think that any representations of mine have induced the Editor to alter his mature judgment on the matter, but it cannot be denied that his opinions have undergone great qualification. He admits "that skilled labour is wanted to instruct and to stimulate native industry in India." This it would, perhaps, not be fair to read without what follows:—"The natives should themselves be educated to rise into high positions in handicrafts and arts, so that they do not lose their self-dependence by leaning perpetually on an English arm." But by whom are they to be thus educated? Though the two paragraphs may at first sight seem somewhat opposed the one to the other, yet on further consideration, it will be seen that the one answers the other, and that both point to the same result, the desirability, pressing and undeniable, of introducing skilled labour to an extent sufficient to educate the natives in the industrial arts. It is absurd to suppose that they will always be pupils, and they are sure to have plenty of opportunities of communicating their newly-acquired knowlege to those remote parts of the Empire which are not readily accessible to Europeans. And once instructed in these arts of civilization, their self-reliance will soon assert itself, and assist more than anything else in making them depend upon their own resources without reference to European aid.

To advocate indiscriminate immigration into this or any of our colonies would be as sensible as turning your hens and chickens out in the jungle, and expecting them to increase and multiply and fatten themselves for the table as well-behaved fowls, instead of becoming the prey of the first of their numerous enemies who came across them. If trouble had been taken to re-peruse the first letter I wrote to the *Times of India* on this subject, it would have been seen that I simply advocated emigration from England "*under proper direction and control*," (the italics are in the original) and wished it to be tried as an opening for *commercial enterprise*—and, indeed, attempted to point out its advantages as such. I am fully aware that it would be hardly practicable to leave every man to himself to struggle along on his own head. Indeed, this would not now be practicable in any of our colonies. The days are gone, no more to return, when a man left the emigrant ship with his wife and children, a small store of provisions, and perhaps a few tools, trudged along a few miles through the woods until he came to a likely looking spot where there was nobody else about, knocked up a log hut, cleared a small space of land, sowed his little stock of seed, and lived on what he had brought with him and such game as the country afforded until his crops had ripened. *Now* he must have his allotments and grants and deeds, pay rent or purchase, enter into various covenants,—and be satisfied with what is given him, instead of being able to stop where he liked, live how he liked, and do what he liked.

The better for the country, it might be answered, that he cannot. Granted, but at the same time a great curtailment of the facilities for extended emigration, to any of our colonies, of the purely labouring class. In this respect, then, India is as well off as the rest.

The class of workmen whom I more particularly intended to point out as desirable immigrants were the skilled artisans who have been dismissed in such large numbers from Government employ—and here I am not only misquoted but the drift of my argument evidently misunderstood. No allusion whatever is made in my letter to the *Times of India* to "Government being *forced* to dismiss them from its employ"—in fact their dismissal was attributed to an entirely different cause. I most sincerely hope with the *Times of India* that such cases as these cannot occur frequently; but the very object of my letter was to call attention to a period when such things had occurred, and to urge that advantage ought to be taken of such an opportunity. There are the willing hands, here a wide field for their employment, and they would only require to bring such capital with them as was "stored up in the skill and activity of their hands." Surely a small store of the capital which daily leaves the country might be turned advantageously in this direction; indeed, capital will always be found for a good investment, and we fancy there would be plenty forthcoming to invest in English industry and energy, where the native candidate would be unsupported from his lack of qualities which would recommend an Englishman.

The *Times of India's* division of the class of emigrants is in my opinion rather arbitrary; but as the question does not mainly hinge on that, any discussion of it would be unprofitable. At all events of the two classes referred to, it is just the better ranks of the working classes whom we require, whom discontent—not exactly with the political status or with social relations in Great Britain, but with being made after perhaps long years of honourable service, the victims of "reduction, reduction, reduction,"—had led to the conclusion that England is no longer a place for them. Savings at one time they may have had, and savings from the pains and self-denial that it has taken to accumulate them, would ten-fold their intrinsic value. But these a few weeks of inaction soon melts away, and they are thrown upon what have been justly called "the hardships of the poor laws." If centuries of legislation and hundreds of lives worked out in professedly aiding the cause of the people has only resulted in this, that it is not sufficient punishment to have every chance of earning your living closed, but that you must pay a fine of unlimited misery for being forced to be poor, in this, I should imagine, another argument could be found to strengthen the assertion that they have no such thing as home, and that their honour would rather be of British customs, tastes, associations and poor laws than of leaving what is to them but a sad—a very sad—misnomer—home. They could assuredly find friends here whose interest would be their interest, whose work would be their work, and who would gladly employ them if they had the opportunity.

I believe that the proportion of emigrants who ever leave or have left England with the means of living even a week after landing in their "Promised Land," on their own resources, is but the smallest percentage; and of those who come out to invest capital in foreign lands *is*, in fact, infinitesimal. Where they do go out to friends it is, in general, to one of the family who, after years of toil and servitude, has amassed a small capital, and whom experience has taught that the English labour is the cheapest way of developing his resources; but a self-made man, who has attained to any considerable distinction in the land of his choice, is the last man in the world who would wish to see his poor relatives intruding upon him locally, and by reviving old associations mar all the brightness of his present prosperity. Assistance, at a distance, he will willingly render them; but, as a rule, it is "come not betwixt the wind and my gentility."

It cannot be surprising that a Parsee should broach some comical ideas, or perhaps clothe them in such language as to lay them open to the accusation of being grotesque; but, when the very sentence on which the *Times of India* bases such an accusation has never, according to its own columns, been written by him, the ridicule rather recoils and gives place to surprise at the facility, if not audacity, with which remarks printed in that journal, and consequently open to every body for easy reference, are misquoted. I am made to complain of the *Times of India's* "extreme indiscretion in avowing a principle (we suppose the principle of 'no work, no pay',) which," &c. Now, as in this case, I never "avowed a principle" at all, but simply remarked that "it was an acknowledgment on your part, however true, but indiscreet in the extreme to avow, *on* the principle," &c., it would seem as if an effort had been made, at the expense of accuracy, to replace lack of argument by an attempt at ridicule. With reference to the parenthesis, it seems rather to have been put in as "stuffing" than as in any possible way affecting the argument. If men are refused the work they court so eagerly, they must necessarily starve for want of pay; and they had much rather come out where they would get work and pay too.

As regards the English constitution, the Editor remarks, and apparently with some degree of justness, that the lower you descend into the social scale, the less self-restraint exists—and then he instances the case of the British soldier, who, "although enjoying exceptional advantages," occupies, apparently in the writer's estimation, the honourable position of "wooden spoon," the lowest of the low. He certainly makes this up to the soldier afterwards by comparing him with his officers. But this only makes the contrast the greater. What are the advantages of a soldier compared with the officer's, hygienically? The officer has always a plentiful supply of fresh and pure air; his food is the food of the market and constantly varied; his dress he changes as he likes according to the vicissitudes of the climate and his personal feelings; he has baths and bheesties to keep him in constant tubbing; his night rest is never broken by "sentry go;" all the amusements of the station are open to him, from cricket and pigeon shooting to a hunt after "bristles" and "stripes." He does not live and sleep in the same room with about 30 or 40 other men, all purifying the atmosphere with their breath and bad "bacca." He has every facility for exercise, and we question much, if he were deprived of his horse and carriage, whether he would be seen about on his feet half as much as the common soldier now is for his own pleasure. "Professional anxiety," from the way business is generally transacted, seems to be left with head clerks, who distribute it homœopathically among their subordinates. How can it be wondered at then if the death roll of the soldier, *as compared with his officer*, is sadly heavy!

Hospitals and other means of relief in sickness would only be the natural and proper result of immigration and an increased population, and it is hardly an objection to bring forward to a scheme which is, but as yet, in embryo, that all contingencies have only been foreseen but not actually and palpably provided against. The peons might as well be fed up to the average "fighting weight" of the English working man to prevent any chance of an unfavorable collision with the latter.

In my first letter to the *Times of India* I instanced the success of the Parsees, and contended that Europeans coming into a country governed by their own countrymen, could easily do as much as we have done and more. To this a correspondent, signing himself "Ecce Signum" put in a demurer, saying that I regarded the subject "from a purely Zorosastrian point of view. He argues that because the Parsees settled and flourished in India, Europeans may do likewise. But this is certainly not a legitimate deduction. The Parsees came from Persia to India. Persia is essentially a semi-tropical climate. They had become habituated to a tropical sun and to the extremes of tropical temperature, before trying their fortunes in India. Moreover, the Parsees are not colonists in the true sense of the word. They neither dig nor delve. Had they been, on first landing in India, obliged to earn their living by the sweat of their brow, it is extremely doubtful if they would have flourished as they have done."

It is true it was a semi-tropical climate they came from, but not that they had become habituated to the extremes of tropical temperature before trying their fortunes in India. Very little attempt has been made to trace out the customs and life of the ancient Parsees at that period, but chief amongst those who have devoted time and learning and have spared neither trouble nor expense with a view of arriving at just conclusions on the subject, must be placed Mr. Dossabhoy Framjee. Referring to his work we find that the Parsees first landed at Sanjan, about 25 miles south of Damaun in the territory of Jadao Rana. They were directed to select any waste land that suited them, and did accordingly select a large tract of waste land in the immediate vicinity of Sanjan. The next thing we hear of them is that their settlement, which but a short time before was a sterile desert, became converted into a *populous and thriving city*. This at any rate must have been accomplished by the sweat of their brow, and agriculture could have had no small share in their prosperity. And here they lived in peace and quietness for nearly five centuries, and during that time "they chiefly occupied themselves wherever they were located in agricultural pursuits."

I maintain, therefore, that on this evidence Parsees must be considered as true colonists, even according to the definition of "Ecce Signum," and that during that long period, five hundred years after their "first landing in India," their livelihood was obtained by hard out-door labour on the plains of India.

The imprudence of Europeans must be admitted to a certain extent, and this combined with heat and malaria, may be answerable to a great degree for certain instances of European suffering. But the picture that "Ecce Signum" draws of such suffering in India is really so terrifying, that I must in future look upon every Englishman in this country as nothing less than a martyr to duty: it begins with impaired health, and ends with suffocation. Surely the Editor of the *Times of India* must have been playing sad pranks with our letters to induce people to think we were advocating immigration into India. If we have, it must have been to replace those whom "Ecce Signum" has frightened into a hasty exodus.

But as I am a Parsee, having our friend's authority for asserting myself to be inured to a tropical climate, I will attempt to argue the point, and will instance particularly the Abyssinian campaign, (of which I have had some personal experience in the march to Magdala and back) during which the Europeans worked and marched all day in the heat for months together, and worked uncommonly hard too. This can hardly be called "spasmodic exertion" with "intervals of luxurious ease."

As to the influence of heat over men, it depends so much upon constitution that I defy any body to lay down any rule. "Ecce Signum" is dogmatic enough on the subject. But I know from experience that some men might be out in the sun for days and days and never become sick, while, on the contrary, upon others it might take an almost immediate effect. I am very far from being convinced that heat *alone* would ever prove a fatal objection to the employment of English labour in India. It is heat, in combination with surrounding circumstances, which produces malaria; but are these circumstances insurmountable? Far from it. It can never be reasonably presumed for an instance that, in the arrangement of a new colony, matters would be allowed to run in the old anti-hygienic track. The chief causes of malaria, at present, seem to be the absence of all sub soil drainage, towns and bazaars unpaved, undrained, badly cleaned, and often teeming with offensive matter; tanks, pools and surface-made gutters, containing filth and bad foul water; ravines and nullahs filled with stagnant water; houses built on a level with the ground; water drawn from shallow wells, and tanks impregnated with every pollution, &c.

This is hardly the idea which we can be supposed to have of our European colony *in posse*. Our stanncheest opponents would allow that a little European decency and cleanliness can be retained in India, and it can hardly be asserted that such a total disregard of sanitary conditions as now characterises almost all parts of India would be allowed to perpetuate itself, to the detriment of future generations, on the establishment of European settlements in India.

Discretion and judgment, it is well known, are as necessary in the choice of hill stations as in the selection of appropriate spots on the plains. Here as there proper sanitary arrangements would no doubt be necessary. Epidemic disease may, of course, originate at hill stations just as it would do at unhealthy stations at home. Evidence is in favour of hill stations as compared with the plains, but altitude does not necessarily mean health, though many stations could be pointed out where the climate has not only all the mildness of Europe but the great advantage of regularity and evenness of temperature. On the whole, therefore, I think it is fair to conclude that there are very many positions, both on the hills and plains, in which emigrants might be located on arrival in the country, without being exposed to any exceptional severity of climate.

I have been accused by the *Times of India* of begging the question. If it be *petitio principii* to attempt to put a question in a new light, I am guilty; but this should not be brought to my charge simply because I disagreed with the views of that journal. I attempted to advocate a qualified immigration of men adapted to the requirements of the country, and I think that when I succeeded in inducing the Editor to admit that skilled labour is really wanted to instruct and stimulate native industry in India, after his assertion that India was not in want of labour coming from without, it is rather begging the question on his part to shift back to his original position which he abandoned, gracefully it is true, but irretrievably.

Soldiers are, I agree with the *Times of India*, hardly more fitted to act the part of missionaries than colonists. They may be well meaning, well educated and honest men; but what opportunities have they of communicating either their information or their ideas of right to outsiders. They are a class by themselves, and are only allowed to mix up in the most superficial manner with the rest of the community. These qualities they can never get credit for amongst those with whom they might be usefully employed; the nature of their duties, were they inclined to attempt the improvement of the natives, would only permit of an intermittent application; and it is very questionable whether their efforts would be viewed with a favorable eye by their superiors, when they would only remind them of duties which they were themselves most culpably neglecting. At the same time even as things now stand, the natives are anything but losers by their association with English soldiers; for, if they do not actually forward the cause of Christianity, yet they will always insist upon cleanliness, which is commonly said to rank next to Godliness, and is, at all events, a step in the right direction.

And as with the soldier so with the native. The former is habituated, even in times of peace, to constant change of country and association; his friendships are at the best *pro tempore*, although I would venture to aver, from personal experience of some thirty years in the peaceful camps and in more than one battle field, that a soldier is more true to his "chum" than ever friend was to friend in civil life, and will make more sacrifices to that end (and the greater because personal) than are usually to be met with in the ordinary run. But all this ends; they are sooner or later separated, and one letter, or at most two, may pass between them before they both have contracted fresh friendships of a similar nature, and the last is looked upon and thought about as a thing of the past, because they know that it never can be renewed except by the most unforeseen accident.

The native is equally accustomed to a change o associations. Serve his master faithfully he may, because his interest is bound up with him for the time; watch his children with care and perform everyone's behests with cheerfulness. But he can never have the same feeling towards them as he would if he knew that generation would succeed generation in the land; that the child he is nursing would inhabit the old bungalow as the house of his fathers, in short that his home was their home, and his country truly and in reality their country. For he knows but too surely that it is only a question of a year more or less how soon he shall be separated from them, and his conduct is guided much more by self interest, and, it might almost be said, instinct, than by any of those naturalties which make and old and faithful servant as much a part of a household as a branch is part of a tree.

Can colonization do nothing to engender this feeling among them? What real regard can we expect them to have for such birds of passage? The natives are anything but dull of observation, and measure their regard for the English exactly by the regard these seem to have for the country. Make the best of it as long as may be convenient; take all you can out of the country and people, and return nothing back; employ the capital accumulated from Indian products in any other way than improving their quality and increasing their consumption; leave the native, as you found him, steeped in ignorance and superstition, and you care as much about the country as the native cares for you, and that is measured by the amount he can manage to get out of you during your mutual connection.

The greatness and importance of India demand that she should have a strength within herself that would enable her to repel all hostile movements. Foreign transports can travel through the Canal with as great facility as English, and yet there seems no desire to render India independent of the protecting wing of the mother country. The "sheathed sword," it is said, must always be kept in the sight of the native, and yet you will run the possible risk of being placed between two fires without the hope of help from without, when it is in your power to neutralize at least one of them, and by the same means provide a bulwark against exterior aggression.

Raise the native to a manly and independent level by instruction and example—lead him to think that you have an interest in him—and he will soon have a good opinion of himself and try to act up to it, and the fallacy of the popular notion above-mentioned will soon be proved. There will be good and faithful servants, if not active assistants, in times of danger; and there will be no need to ask the question, which was so sadly answered during the meetiny, "Can they be trusted?"

"Sadly utopian all this,!" I can imagine some exclaiming; but there have been many things equally so before *in appearance*, and I shall not easily lose the expectation of seeing such things in my generation yet.

BAZENJEE SORABJEE.

Bombay, April, 1873.

HIGH COURT.—3RD MAY.

[Before the Hon. SIR CHARLES SARGENT and the Hon. MR JUSTICE GREEN.]

ADMIRALTY SUIT.

FOR JUDGMENT.

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SPORTING.

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EAST INDIA FINANCE COMMITTEE.

FULL NOTES OF MR. MACLEAN'S EVIDENCE.

(Continued from yesterday's *Bombay Gazette*.)

Do you wish to make any statement with reference to the proceedings of the Public Works Department with relation to any railways in the Bombay Presidency?—If the Committee care to go into the inquiry about the Carwar Railway, I shall be glad to state the feeling about that.

Mr. Fawcett: That scheme has been disallowed and stopped, has it not?—Not yet. I will state how the case stands. The railway was first recommended by the Bombay Government upon the ground that it would pay 8½ per cent. on the capital invested; that was the statement in Colonel Kennedy's despatch recommending that this line should be sanctioned.

Sir G. Balfour: Of what date was that?—The 21st of November 1871. The Government of India thereupon actually recommended the line, and sent the scheme home for approval to the Secretary of State. When the official papers were published in Bombay, there were very vehement remonstrances made by the press, and the Bombay Chamber of Commerce took up the question, and passed strong resolutions against forming the line. The Government then appointed a Committee of Inquiry to revise the estimates.

Chairman: Was that a railway on what is called the standard gauge or the narrow gauge?—It was the narrow gauge even at that time. A Committee was then appointed to revise the estimates, and they have lately published their report. I will just refer to that report. Colonel Kennedy's estimate of the net return was 8½ per cent. The conclusion come to by the Committee is "that taking the working expenses at 55 or 60 per cent. of the receipts, there would be a net return of 4·09 or 3·63 per cent. on a capital outlay of 110 lacs." That is the result of the Committee's inquiry as to what would be the net return. They have raised the estimate of the cost from 90 lacs of rupees to 110 lacs; but at the same time they say that the traffic return which is to pay this revenue, of say 4 per cent., will not begin to come in for about three years; they say "within a reasonable period, say three years after the construction of the line;" and they make no allowance in their estimate of cost for interest on capital during the three years the line is to pay nothing, or hardly anything. If you add that to the 110 lacs, I think that you may fairly say that the lower estimate of 3½ per cent. is as much as the line can possibly return, even according to the report of the Committee.

Sir G. Balfour: What is the length of the line?—About 140 miles. It is an isolated line, and the Committee take the average of the working expenses very low, at 55 or 60 per cent.; the average for all India is over 5½, and that includes, very long lines, where of course working expenses are not so heavy.

Mr. Cross: The Government suggested that they could get the 8 1/3 per cent. P.—Yes.

How do you account for that?—The report goes fully into the estimate for the traffic and the cost, and changes the whole thing. In fact, what the Committee now recommend is a perfectly distinct thing, as I propose to show you from what they say.

Chairman: What do they propose now to do?—The Bombay Chamber of Commerce recommended an alternative line from a point on the Great Indian Peninsula running north and south through the Southern Mahratta Country to Dharwar instead of a short sea line from Carwar: they said that that would open up very important districts of the Bombay Presidency, which are now, practically, without railway communication, the rich districts of Sattara, Kulladghee, Belgaum and all the Southern Mahratta Country.

Sir C. Wingfield: It would be a communication with the Great Southern of India, would it not?—No, it was between Poona and Sholapore that the connection was to branch out. The line has not been actually surveyed yet they only pointed out that, if a railway was to be made, that would be a better line in the intrests of the country. The Committee say, on that point, "If it was proposed to make one railway only into the Southern Mahratta Country, and if the practical alternative rested between a railway from Carwar to Gudduck, or a railway from Sholapore or Decksal on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway to Hooblee, or some point in the centre of the Dharwar cot

figures for?—Yes. I do not pretend to carry limit myself to these returns. I only took them up as having served for the foundation of an argument.

I am aware that the controversy has been carried on in India, and also in this country, but I believe it is impossible to arrive at an accurate statement of the matter; is not that so?—I think so, because you must take into account so many other things, the movement of Government paper, and so on, which are not included in these returns.

To go back now to the beginning of your evidence, you did not tell us what was done with that 10,000*l.* a year which was taken away by Sir Seymour Fitzgerald?—There was a deficit of 100,000*l.* a year, and he made up that partly by taking away this Imperial grant of the police. He got a lac of it by taking it from the city of Bombay.

Then he applied it for public works, I suppose, roads, and so on?—Yes, for the general expenditure of the province.

Do you object very strongly to this decentralisation scheme altogether?—I object to it altogether, except in those very few cases in India where it may be possible to apply a check from below instead of from above. If you can get hold, as I believe you can in Bombay, of a real living community with public spirit and energy in it, I think you might safely trust the representatives of the people there with the control of the finances of that city. I think it would be a great experiment, and a very wise one for the Government of India, to try in those great cities to give such communities the control of their own affairs; but, as regards India generally, I do not think that there is any possibility of getting a check on the financial expenditure of ambitious officials, except from above, by means of the Government of India.

Supposing, for instance, that Bombay was the only possession that we had in India, is there any reason why its finances should not be as well administered as they are now, with the control of the Supreme Government?—I think that you cannot give absolute power in finance to Governors ruling a province or a city in that way. You must have some independent check; such a check as that of the Government of India, which has no local ambition, and no desire to make a name by spending money on fine buildings.

But that, of course, cannot exist in any country, except one like India, which is made up of vast provinces subject to a Supreme Government?—It is a very wise check to apply there; it is unwise to remove it unless we apply the check from below; and if you give the taxpayers the power of the purse, you may trust to their not spending too much. It might be necessary for the Government to interfere to compel them to spend money in sanitary matters, for instance; they would never be too lavish in expenditure.

Supposing these cesses were levied through committees of the natives themselves, do you think that would take off the cause for dissatisfaction; supposing these extra cesses were submitted to bodies of the natives, and they were consulted?—I donot know enough of the interior of India to give an opinion upon that; I think it would be advisable in a community where a great deal of progress has been made, and where the natives have been to some extent Anglicised.

You told us about the enormous waste of money, 5,800,000*l.*, on the foreshores of the Island of Bombay; I want to ask was any reason ever given why none of these separate works were completed. Why, for instance, was not this Moody Bay work completed; is there no statement to show why it was not completed?—I do not know that there has been any statement made; I can only state the facts, and leave the Committee to form their own conclusion as to the motive which induced the Public Works Department and the Government of Bombay to spend money in such a way.

Was not the enormous waste of money shown in the most decisive manner by the Abyssinian Expedition, owing to there being no places for landing goods; was not that a most flagrant proof to everyone in Bombay of the need of piers and landing places?—Yes.

I suppose some notice was taken of it in the press, after that?—The Government has been frequently urged to go on with these works; it has been a constant subject of complaint by the mercantile community and the press that they did not make docks on their own ground.

Then the fact is that India has been suffering to the extent of about 240,000*l.* a year, owing to the misapplication of this vast sum of 5,800,000*l.*?—Yes.

(To be continued.)

THE TOWERS OF SILENCE RIOT CASE.

At the Girgaum Police Court on Thursday, last, the enquiry into this case was resumed before Mr. Cooper against seventy-two of the defendants, the case against three, who were sick, being reserved at present. Mr. Ferguson, instructed by the acting Public Prosecutor, appeared for the prosecution. Mr. Inverarity, instructed by Mr. Arthur Peile, appeared to watch the case on behalf of Coorjee Pragjee and Jacob Jumal, who claimed the ownership of the disputed ground. Mr. Starling and Mr. Leith, instructed by Messrs. Craigie, Lynch, and Owen; and Dr. Dallas, Mr. Chalk, and Mr. Payne appeared for the defendants, who were all represented.

Defendant No. 28 did not answer to his name.

Mr. Ferguson—This makes the third man who is said to be sick. I ask that he should be called on his bail.

The Magistrate said the prisoner was in Court on Tuesday last and was very sick; and his Worship was told that the medical authorities objected to his leaving the hospital.

Mr. Ferguson—If your Worship thinks that the prisoner is not in a fit state to attend here, I shall exercise my discretion and proceed against him afterwards.

Luxmon Visram, a police jemadar, further examined by Mr Ferguson—I said on the last occasion that certain things were on fire, and I called out to the men not to put them on the fire, as there was danger of some adjacent huts and bay catching fire. I therefore placed policemen round about the fire to prevent the men from placing more articles on the fire. I saw one Parsee running after Mr. Brown and raising a chunam-pounder to strike him. Mr. Brown's back was turned towards the man. He was running towards a small door opposite to the tent which was pulled down. That Parsee is here, Eduljee Dadabhoy, No. 64. I ran up to him, wrested the pounder out of his hand, and gave him and the pounder in charge of policeman No. 752. This is the pounder that I gave in charge. I saw no other assault committed. When the men were prevented from putting things on the fire, they commenced to throw them down the brow of the hill. Some men ran away into the compound of the Towers of Silence through the small door; others ran in different directions; and some were on the ground. The Commissioner of Police came on the ground, and there were then some persons remaining on the ground, who were arrested by order of the Commissioner. They were left in my charge, and I identify them as Nos. 1, 2, 5, 8, 14, 21, 22, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 36, 39, 42, 48, 51, 53, 56, 58, 61, 63, 63, 64, 66, 68, 69, 72, 74, and 75, (in all thirty persons.) Besides these I had seen other persons on the ground, who escaped into the compound of the Towers of Silence, but who were afterwards brought out and given in custody. They are prisoners Nos. 10, 12, 24, 25, 43, 44, and 47. I saw these seven persons running into the compound. They were brought out and marshalled before the Commissioner inside the compound of the Towers of Silence. The Commissioner asked the policemen if they could recognise any of those men as those who took a part in the work of demolition. Some who were not recognised were allowed to go.

Cross-examined by Mr. Leith—I do not know whose men were the sixty-one persons who were prevented from going up the hill and were kept in Mr. Brown's compound. I asked those whom I arrested certain questions. Some said they were going to the Towers of Silence, some to see their friends, some to Baboolnath, a small Hindu temple, &c. None said they were going to their work. I asked them in whose employ they were, but I got no proper answer. I arrested them, because they had large sticks in their hands and were going towards the Towers of Silence. I arrested four persons who came by the Gaumdevi road and turned into the passage which leads to the Towers of Silence. All the sixty-one persons were placed before the Commissioner at the Mazagon Police Office. I am quite sure Mr. Brown, Mr. Mills, and the Deputy Commissioner were present there. I did not hear anything that was said to or asked of those men. At the time when the articles were burnt, on the hill, Mr. Brown was about forty paces from me. I was about nine or ten paces from the fire. I did not notice any policeman taking out anything from the fire. They had thrown into the fire rafters, mats, pieces of a couch, and pieces of a tent. I did not instruct the policemen to pull out anything from the fire; because all the things were enveloped in flames. Defendant Pestonjee Nusserwanjee was arrested near the burning ground. After the persons I have pointed out were taken into custody, I saw Pestonjee Nusserwanjee writing on a piece of paper. He was telling the people—"I am a vakil's man and you should not fear." Pestonjee soon after gave the paper he was writing to the Deputy Commissioner. I don't know what became of the paper. The first prisoner told me that Pestonjee had come to serve a notice on Jacob Jumal; and that it had been served. I saw prisoner No. 61 dragging and putting pieces of mat from the chawl into the fire. There were on the ground twenty-five or thirty of Coorjee Pragjee's men.

Cross-examined by Mr. Payne—The fire was about fifty or sixty paces from the tent. It may have been 100 yards. I cannot say whether it was more or less. I think the tent was about seventy-five paces from the small door in the compound wall. I could see the door from where the municipal fire was burning. The thirty defendants I have pointed out were scattered over the ground. I know that the second defendant is carrying on the business of a contractor outside, that is in the town. I don't know that he superintends building work inside or outside the Towers of Silence. I have frequently seen him near an cart outside the Towers of Silence. His bungalow is close to the new road leading to the Towers on the Gowalia Tank side. Every one who was on the ground was arrested. None of Coorjee Pragjee's men was present on the ground at the time the defendants were arrested. In consequence of Mr. Brown's instructions given to me on the 27th March last, I gave directions the same day to the police to arrest any persons who may commit a breach of the peace on Coorjee Pragjee's ground, where he had kept his men. I told the police to keep their eyes open to any breach of the peace that may occur on that piece of land, where afterwards the chawl and tent were erected.

Cross-examined by Dr. Dallas—When Mr. Souter told the police to identify the persons who were engaged in the disturbance, there were thirteen or fourteen Parsees and Iranees who were not recognised. I knew some of the defendants before the 4th April. I knew Nos. 1, 2, 21, 30, 39, 42, 48, 58, 61, 69, 74, and 75, and had seen them many times before the 4th April. The others I may have seen before, but I don't recollect. The sepoys arrested the defendants and gave them in my charge. I did not myself arrest them, because four were already in my charge and I was looking to them. I arrested about four more persons who were near me. (Corrects himself.) I arrested five persons in all. I cannot tell what each of the other twenty-five persons whom I have identified was doing. All the 200 or 300 persons who were on the ground were doing something or other: there were no mere spectators among them. All who were taken out of the compound of the Towers of Silence had not been on the ground. I don't know why those who had not been on the ground were inside the compound of the Towers. I don't know that the 4th April was a Parsee holiday. Thirteen or fourteen persons were released by order of the Commissioner, because the police could not recognise them as having been on the ground. Mr. Brown was present when they were released.

Cross-examined by Mr. Chalk—Mr. Souter said to the police, "Can you recognise any of the persons who were concerned in the disturbance among those that are here?" We said we could. I don't recollect how many sepoys identified the prisoners. Those sepoys accompanied the accused to the Mazagon Police Office. The only assault that I saw was the attempt made to strike Mr. Brown. He (Mr. Brown) did not look behind and did not see the man following him with the pounder upraised in his hand. I called out to Mr. Brown "Sab, Sab," but he did not hear me in the noise. The Parsee did not attempt to strike me. He did not resist me or make any struggle. I did not anticipate a breach of the peace on the 4th April; but was told to look out for any that might occur.

Re-examined by Mr. Ferguson—I took out the pounder from the hand of the Parsee before he turned round. Before the 4th April I had taken away sticks from the hands of two of Coorjee Pragjee's men.

The examination of the witness finished after 5 p.m., and the magistrate adjourned the case until to-day at noon.

INDIAN ITEMS.

There is a great deal of small-pox prevalent in the Jullundhur Doab and the neighbouring district.

A destructive hailstorm passed over Darjeeling last week, doing great mischief to some of the tea gardens.

The Bishop of Calcutta was expected at Darjeeling on Monday last, and was to have been the guest of the Lieutenant-Governor.

The total number of accidents on Indian railways during 1872 was 1,153, to which the longest line, the E. I. R., contributed of course the most—691; the G. I. P. follows with 150, and the Punjab and Delhi with 114, the very small number on the former being probably due to the omission from the list of trivial mishaps. During the year 52 passengers were injured by collisions and by trains getting off the line, and 9 killed; while 108 railway servants were killed, and 153 injured. The number of animals run over by trains was 300, and the number of fires that occurred 105; no fewer than 63 of them being on the Punjab and Delhi lines. Miscellaneous accidents aggregated 298. On the E. I. R. the malicious obstruction of trains by ill-disposed persons is a growing source of danger, for there were, in 1872, 31 cases as against 6 in the preceding year.

THE KHIVA EXPEDITION.

(FROM THE TIMES' PRUSSIAN CORRESPONDENT.)

BERLIN, April 2.

The difficulty for the Russians in the Khivese campaign being mainly that of overcoming distances, it is the geography rather than the strategy of the war which commands the attention of the observer. Having succeeded in collecting fresh particulars respecting the roads to Khiva, I therefore lose no time in supplementing my last by some additional details. With reference to the road from Fort Perosk, the most likely to be taken by the principle force, it is provoking that the few *data* already communicated are all that have been allowed to transpire respecting this the most practicable route towards the capital Khanate. As to the line of march to be pursued by the Orenburg force, the following is the complete itinerary of the usual caravan road:—

	Verets.
Outpost Berdianski	20
Khanski	25
Prochladni	18½
River Tuya Tasch	14
Lake Yakshi Kara Kul	21
Kosch Aral	33
Kara Su	35½
River Ilek	28
River Ilek	26
Issel's Grave	33
Rivulet Isenbai	41
Rivulet Talaspai	27
Rivulet Tachichi	27
Rivulet Tekteniz	35
Rivulet Kuldeneu-Temir	13
Rivulet Tagli	33
River Emba (deserted Emba post, not present fort)	17
From Orenburg to Emba	— 447
Rivulet Ati Debaksi	30
Rivulet Tschandi	34
Oasis Namas Tau	27
Well Karatschi Tau	40
Rivulet Tschegan	27
Well Aktsuk Kuduk	77
Well Kuyuk Kuduk	27
Spring Akti Kandi	79
Spring Ak Bulak	46
Davlet Girei (the fort erected by Prince Bekovitch in the reign of Peter the Great)	43
Descent from the Ust-Urt Plateau to Karz Gumbet	71
From Emba to Lowland of Khiva	— 501
Oasis Kaska Djul	32
Ak Tcheganak, Bay of Lake Aral	72
Oasis Aibugir	29
Town of Kunya-Urgendsh	68
From the borders of the Lowland to the first town	— 201
Town Illyalli	68
Town Taschauss	31
Town Shah-Abbat, or Schabit	37½
Town Khiva	33½
From the first town to the capital	— 169
Together, 1,318 verste, or 950 miles, or 43 days of march.	

The above road, which I need hardly say skirts the western shore of Lake Aral, admits of being shortened by crossing Lake Aibugir, instead of going round it. In this case the wanderer leaves Davlet Girei, the deserted fort of Prince Bekovitch, for the Oasis of Ak Suat, to which the total distance from Orenburg is 896 verets. Proceeding further to the Urge Promontory (32 verste) he crosses Lake Aibugir by boat (22 verste), and then continues his journey on camel through the ford of Bara Aibugir (40 verste) to Kungrad (52 verste), Orenburg to first town, 1,002 verste.

Second part of the road.

	Verste.
Town Khodaheil	99
Town Vend	20
Town Kiptchak	25
Town Mangit	12
Town Kitai	24
Town Gurlen	33
Town Engi-Urgendeb	40
Town Khiva	55
From first town to capital	— 296
Orenburg to capital	1,298
From Mangit—the place just mentioned—there is still another route:—	

	Verste.
Town Kiitsch Nyas Bay	20
Town Taschauss	14
Town Amber	16
Town Shah Abbat	22
Town Khiva	33
	— 105

There are water and fuel in abundance along the various roads described, but the water the first third of the way is mostly bitter and salt, and unfit for drinking. The fuel is supplied by the Saksaul, the creeping willow of the Asiatic desert, growing freely in the more sheltered places, and until lately, it may be remembered, used by the steamers on the Sir Darya and Lake Aral. All the way the ground is so level as to present no difficulties to the transport of artillery or commissariat waggons. Not even the ascent of the Ust-Urt, nor the descent from it, forms an exception to this. The caravans ordinarily take from 45 to 55 days in going from Khiva to Orenburg, but in spring, when the wells are full, they have been known to reach the Russian frontier in 31, and, on some occasions, even in 26 days. The progress of the troops will be much slower, as they march in echelons, to admit of the wells refilling in the interval elapsing between the successive arrivals.

As a rule, the distance between Khiva and Kungrad is traversed, not by land, but by water. The country in those parts is not only subject to the depredations of the neighbouring Turcoman tribes, but, being also swampy, breeds fever, and is infested with immense swarms of gnats, dangerous to camel and horse. Taking water at Khiva, the caravans prefer rowing up the canal Shah Abbat, and, by the Kasavat and Polvan Ata conduits, reach the Amoo. Not rarely the transport by water is continued as far as the shores of Aibugir, which, owing to the difficulty of wading the ford, and the time lost in loading and unloading the camels, adds at least a week to the journey. In 1858 the Russian Mission sent to Khiva—the last one despatched—spent no less than four days in crossing Lake Aibugir, and was actually 18 days in rowing up the river and canals from Kungrad to the capital. Since then Lake Aibugir is said to have become still more difficult of navigation, being in most parts covered with reeds and rushes. By land no more than five days are required to go from Khiva to Kungrad, supposing the traveller is not kidnapped by the Turcoman, prostrated by fever, or despoiled of his camels by gnats and wasps.

The Amoo, with the canals branching off from it, forming the only obstacle to military operations in the interior, deserves special notice. For a distance of nearly 400 verste (300 miles) the river irrigates the colonized portion of the Khanate. Its Delta begins near the little fortress of Bend. There the Laudan, the westernmost branch of the complicated network of embouchures, leaves the mainstream, taking its shallow course to Lake Aibugir.

Below Bend the river divides into numerous branches, some flowing into the Aibugir, others into the Aral, with swamps and morasses filling up the greater part of the intermediate space. The first arm, branching off below Bend to the right, leaves the main stream at Khodsheli, under the name of Kuvan Djarma or Kaserma, and, flowing through Lake Daukara, reaches Lake Aral under the new name of Yani Su (Side Water). Again, the neighbourhood of Fort Nukus is marked by three more arms emerging from the Amoo—the Kuk-Darya and Kiyat Urjan on the left (west), and the Karabaili on the right (east); a process of division and subdivision which is brought to an end by the main stream, as it reaches Kungrad, splitting once more into the Taldik and Kulden or Ulkun Darya. These two last-mentioned arms, and more especially the Ulkun, are the only ones of the Delta which can be turned to account for purposes of navigation. The Taldik, which has a width of nearly 500 feet, gets more and more shallow every year, and in many places has but three feet of water even now. At its mouth is a bar a mile long, with but from 1½ to 2ft. of water over it. The Ulkun in its upper course, where it is mostly called Kulden, has a narrow and difficult passageway, with but three or four feet of water; lower down, after its junction with the Karabaili arm, it becomes a majestic river, 1,250ft. wide and from 10ft to 30ft. deep, though not altogether free from shallows. The bar of the Ulkun Darya is 1,200ft. wide, and being covered with only three feet of water, is hard to cross except in spring and summer, when the river pours its swollen floods into the swampy expanse of Lake Aral, and the still more desolate mire and mud of the Aibugir. It is owing to this peculiar state of the lower course of the Amoo that Khiva has been so long spared the questionable advantage of a visit from the Russian gun boats, which, could it have been safely made and repeated, would have ended in conquest long since. It deserves, however, to be noticed that about 10 or 12 years ago a Russian steamer went up as far as Kungrad, exploring the river and marking the points which require dredging to render navigation easy and safe. Whether the works contemplated in those days were prevented by physical or political hindrances has not been ascertained; but as the Russian Government, as well as private persons at St. Petersburg, have repeatedly entertained a plan of constructing a railway between the Caspian and the Aral—a plan which would scarcely answer if the proposed communication could not be extended up the Amoo—it is probable that the difficulties presented by the mouth of the river are thought to be anything but insuperable, if the works can once be taken properly in hand. Indeed, we have every reason to believe that the idea of deepening the shallows of the Ulkun, and constructing a fort either on its banks or further up the river is popular in high quarters at St. Petersburg, and, if the annexation party can be silenced, will form the basis of the Treaty of Peace. Above Bend, the undivided Amoo is a fine stream, about 250ft. wide, and with a depth of from 15ft. to 20ft. for a considerable distance into the heart of the country. In Kundush, on the very borders of Badakhshan, it has still a mean depth of from 7ft. to 9ft., and bears the heaviest barg s of the native traders. From Bend up to Kundush there are few, if any fords, the river being both too deep and too rapid, and at the bottom too muddy, to be crossed except by bridges. There are two high-water seasons, in May and July.

As to the numberless canals irrigating the colonized portion of the Khanate, it is evident that a more civilized race would turn them into a formidable means of defence. Even with Khivan ignorance of tactics, and Khivan want of effective weapons, these watercourses are likely to do duty in the war. I therefore append a list of the principal ones:—1. The Khan Canal leaves the river opposite Kungrad. It is 15 miles long, and 20ft. wide. 2. The Khodsheili, so called from the town of the same name, 15 miles long by 70ft. wide, and 7ft. deep. 3. The Bassen, or Porsu Anasi, between the towns of Mungit and Porsu, 50 miles long and 55ft. wide. 4. The Karagus, nearly 60 miles long and 42ft. wide. 5. The Klytsch Nyas Bei, about 70 miles long, and 70ft. wide, terminates ten miles north of the town of Jlali. 6. The Yarmisch, between 60 and 70 miles long, 55ft. wide, with raised banks, loses itself in the sands north of Jlali. 7. The Shah Abbat, or Schabat, begins near Engi-Ur-gendsh, is lost in the desert west of Jlali, is nearly 100 miles long, from 70ft. to 90 ft. wide, with a mean depth of 10ft.; a rapid stream, which never dries up in any portion of its course. 8. The Kazavat, between the towns of Khanka Kazavat, 60 miles long, 70ft. wide and from 5ft. to 7ft. deep. 9. The Polvan Ata or Kozereti Peglivan, considered the most important watercourse of the Khanate, about 60 miles long, from 80ft. to 170ft. wide, and from 4ft. to 20ft. deep, with raised banks along its lower course and 25 minor canals branching off from it; lost in the desert near the capital of Khiva. 10. The Pitnak, proceeding from the town of the same name to the Lake of Alakkul, a distance of 25 miles. In addition to these there are on the right side of the river, south of the Shah Djelli hills, between Khodaheil and Engi-Urgendsh, four principal canals, the Alteser Khanshi, the Vigur, the Naiman, and the Shrakhan, running from west to east, and eventually swallowed up by the immense desert of Kizilkum (Coloured Sand). There are several ferries but no bridges on the Amoo, the bridges over the canals being numerous, but slightly built, and admitting of being destroyed at a moment's notice.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

BERLIN, April 4.

The Eastern Expeditionary Force is about to be concentrated at Irkibai, on the Jani Darya, in about the 34th degree longitude, 220 miles from the Khivese frontier. It seems to have been ascertained that some 2,000 or 3,000 men of the Khivese forces are armed with modern rifles.

The inspired *Moscow Gazette* says that the announcement of Russia's intention to evacuate Khiva after conquering it must not be taken for a solemn promise. As in the case of Samarcand, Russia, in dealing with Khiva, will be solely guided by circumstances and her own interests. Russia would certainly prefer occupying only a few commanding points of the Khanate, but it would be as premature for her to decide this complicated question now as it would be useless for the English to discuss it at this early date. Only after their arrival on the spot will it be possible to determine whether the interests of peace and commerce can be sufficiently protected with the Khan remaining in power. The article concludes with a vehement attack on Sir Henry Rawlinson, whose sympathies are deprecated as they are tinctured with suspiciousness, and who is bitterly blamed for first calling the Turcomans robbers and then predicting serious complications with England and Persia should Russia endeavour to coerce these lawless bands by constructing forts on the River Attruck.

To counterbalance the impression produced by recent scientific meetings in England, the St. Petersburg Imperial Geographical Society, at the express request of Prince Gortchakoff, will hold two sittings in April and May, and discuss Central Asia affairs from a Russian point of view. The Russian Envoy at Washington has informed Prince Gortchakoff that many American citizens are displeased with the prospect of receiving intelligence from the Khivese seat of war through English channels exclusively. Prince Gortchakoff at once proposed an arrangement, the exact nature of which is unknown, but which is intended to supply America with direct advices from Turkistan.

The semi-official *Journal de St. Petersbourg* says that Yakoob Beg is reported to have taken Ouroumptsi, and to be besieging Manas. The conquest of the latter city and of Kami will make him an immediate neighbour of the Chinese province of Barkul.

A letter from Uralsk-Gorodok (the chief town of Orenburg) states that great difficulties are expected in the Khiva campaign, from the severity of the winter and the consequent depth of snow.

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